



Philosophy

With Concentration in Ethics

Minimum Departmental Requirements

Philosophy Major	30
Philosophy Major: Concentration in Ethics	30
Philosophy Minor	18
Minimum Course Grade for Philosophy Major or Minor	C-
Grade Point Average to Declare a Major or Minor	2.5 Career GPA
Grade Point Average to Graduate with Major or Minor	2.5 GPA within Major/Minor Classes
A Minimum of 50 Percent of Major or Minor Credits Must Be Earned at USU.	50 Percent

Philosophy Major

Ethics Option

(BA or BS) (30 credits)
(2.5 GPA required in major classes)

A. Required Courses (18 credits)

- PHIL 1120 - Social Ethics (BHU)
- PHIL 2400 - Ethics (BHU)
- PHIL 1250 - Practical Logic (BHU) or *PHIL 2200 - Deductive Logic (QI)
- *PHIL 3100 - Ancient Philosophy (CI) or *PHIL 3110 - Medieval Philosophy
- PHIL 3120 - Early Modern Philosophy (CI) or *PHIL 3150 - Kant and the Nineteenth-Century (CI)
- PHIL 4300 Epistemology (DHA) or PHIL 4310 Phil of Science or PHIL 4400 Metaphysics or PHIL 4410 Phil of Mind (DHA)

B. Additional Required Course (3 credits)

Select one of the following:

- PHIL 3500 - Medical Ethics
- PHIL 3530 - Environmental Ethics (DHA)
- PHIL 3580 - Ethics and Economic Life (DHA)
- PHIL 4530 - Ethics and Biotechnology (DSC)

C. Elective Courses (9 credits)

Choose three other philosophy courses not already taken above, two of which must be at the upper-division level (3000 or higher).

- PHIL 1000 - Intro to Philosophy (BHU)
- PHIL 1320 - The Good Life (BHU)
- PHIL 1500 – The Examined College Life: Educ. & Its Ends (BHU)
- PHIL 2600 – Intro to Philosophy of Religions (BHU)
- PHIL 2988 – Special Problems
- PHIL 3100 - Ancient Philosophy (CI)
- *PHIL 3110 - Medieval Philosophy
- PHIL 3120 - Early Modern Philosophy (CI)
- *PHIL 3150 - Kant and the Nineteenth Century (CI)
- *PHIL 3180 - Contemporary European Philosophy (CI)
- PHIL 3500 - Medical Ethics
- PHIL 3520 – Business Ethics (DHA)
- PHIL 3530 - Environmental Ethics (DHA)
- PHIL 3580 - Ethics and Economic Life (DHA)
- PHIL 3600 - Philosophy of Religion (DHA)
- PHIL 3700 - Political Philosophy (DHA)
- PHIL 3710 - Philosophies of East Asia
- PHIL 3720 – Philosophical Theology
- PHIL 3800 - Philosophy in Literature (DHA)
- PHIL 3810 - Aesthetics (DHA)
- PHIL 3820 - Theories of Sex and Gender (DHA)
- PHIL 3990 – Philosophy and Pop Culture (DHA)
- PHIL 4250 - Tolkien and Lewis on Myth and Truth
- *PHIL 4300 - Epistemology (DHA)
- PHIL 4310 - Philosophy of Science (DHA)
- PHIL 4400 - Metaphysics
- PHIL 4410 - Philosophy of Mind (DHA)
- *PHIL 4500 - Contemporary Ethical Theory
- PHIL 4530 - Ethics and Biotechnology (DSC)
- or ADVS 3200 - Ethical Issues/Gen Eng/Biotech (DSC)
- PHIL 4600 - Philosophy of Law
- PHIL 4900 - Special Topics
- PHIL 4910 - Readings and Research (1-4 cr.) (cannot count more than twice toward major or minor)
- PHIL 4930 - Senior Honors Thesis (1-4 cr.) (for Honors students)
- PHIL 4990 - Philosophy Seminar

* Indicates this course has a pre-requisite (only one need be taken):

2200 Deductive Logic: MATH 1030 or 1050, or STAT 1040 or 1045

3110 Medieval Philosophy: PHIL 1000, 1320, or 3100

3150 Kant & the 19th Century: PHIL 1000, 1320, or 3120

3180 Contemp. European: 1000, 1320, 3100, 3110, 3120, 3150, 3600, 4400, or 4410

4300 Epistemology: 1000, 1320, 3100, 3110, 3120, 3150, 3600, 4310, 4400, or 4410

4500 Contemporary Ethical Theory: 1000, 1320, 1120, 2400, 3500, 3510, or 3520

D. Philosophy Senior Thesis Option

Philosophy majors are strongly encouraged, but not required, to write a thesis in their senior year. Writing a thesis develops skills of great value for graduate school or professional work. It also provides an excellent 'capstone experience' for pulling together all the skills you have learned. For further details, please meet with your faculty advisor.

E. Language Requirement (BA) or Science Requirement (BS)

To receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree, students must also complete the foreign language requirement. To receive a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree, students must take 12 credits in math or science beyond University Studies Requirements, approved by faculty advisor.

College of Humanities and

Social Sciences

Department of Languages, Philosophy and Communication
Studies

University Requirement Information as a Philosophy major:

Meeting University Studies requirements:

Several philosophy courses meet USU's University Studies requirements:

- PHIL 1000, 1120, 1320, or PHIL 2400 will fulfill the Breadth Humanities (BHU) requirement.
- PHIL 3100, 3120, 3150, and 3180 will fulfill the Communications Intensive (CI) requirement (two CIs must be taken).
- PHIL 2200 will fulfill the Quantitative Intensive (QI) requirement.
- PHIL 4530 will fulfill the Depth Life and Physical Science (DSC) requirement for *most* students with majors other than Philosophy (check with an advisor to be sure). Philosophy majors who wish to meet the DSC requirement should register instead for ADVS 3200 (same course, different prefix!).

••• So - *for example* - a student who takes PHIL 1000, 2200, 3100, 3120, 3820, and 4530 (or ADVS 3200) has met the BHU, QI, CI, DHA, and DSC requirements – and also has a *Philosophy minor* as well! •••

Students must also be sure to meet the requirements for Communication Literacy (CL), Quantitative Literacy (QL), and for Breadth (BAI, BCA, BLS, BPS, and BSS), as well as the Depth Social Sciences (DSS) requirement. Students should meet with an advisor for further details.

All philosophy majors must complete 30 credits of philosophy. Up to 6 *pass/fail* credits in philosophy courses may be applied toward the philosophy major.

BA

Bachelor of Arts Degree Language Requirement

A Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree signifies proficiency in one or more foreign languages. Specifically, the BA requirement may be completed in one of the following ways:

Demonstration of proficiency in one foreign language by successful completion of one course at the 2020-level or higher (or its equivalent).

Or
Demonstration of proficiency in American Sign Language by successful completion of COMD 4920 and COMD 4780, and by passing an ASL Proficiency exam and an interview.

Or
Demonstration of proficiency in two foreign languages by successful completion of the 1020 course level in one language and the 2010 course level in the second language (or its equivalent).

Or
Completion of an upper-division (3000-level or higher) foreign language grammar or literature course requiring the 2020 course level (or its equivalent) as a prerequisite. Conversation courses cannot be considered for satisfying this requirement.

For nonnative English-speaking students only, the following options are available: Successful completion of the Intensive English Language Institute (IELI) program for international students.

Or
TOEFL, Michigan, or IELI placement scores high enough to meet the University admission criteria

Minimum University Requirements

Total Credits	120
Grade Point Average (most majors require higher GPA)	2.00 GPA
Credits of C- or better	100
Credits of upper-division courses (#3000 or above)	40
USU Credits (10 of last 40 must be USU credits)	30
Completion of approved major program of study	See college advisor
Credits in minor (if required)	12
Credits in American Institutions (ECN 1500; HIST 1700; HIST 2700 or HIST 2710; HONR 1300; POLS 1100; or USU 1300)	3
General Education Requirements and University Studies Depth Requirements	

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UNIVERSITY GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND MAJOR/MINOR REQUIREMENTS

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